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**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2011**

OPEN-SESSION

The OPEN Session Meeting of the Board of Pharmacy was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on the above date in Room 401 of the Cannon Building, RI Department of Health. PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended Jonathan Mundy, Chairperson.

Members Present

Jonathon Mundy (Chairman), Michael Cacchiotti, Karen DiStefano, Richard Hathaway, Kathleen Kettle, Kelly Orr

Members Absent

Chris Albanese (Secretary), Susan Delmonico

Staff Present

Catherine Cordy, Linda Esposito, Patrick Kelly, Linda Phillips, Pamela Schultz

Call to Order

Chairman Jonathon Mundy called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

1.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the OPEN Session Meeting held on October 27, 2011 were reviewed. Karen DiStefano

moved that the minutes be approved. Richard Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion carried on unanimous consent.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Communications:

 A Board of Pharmacy newsletter is currently being created with electronic mailings to possibly begin after the first of the year. Newsletters will also be posted on HEALTHs website for easy access.

Board members are asked to submit articles of interest or other initiatives and pertinent information to HEALTH staff routinely. This newsletter will be forwarded to licensed pharmacists and technicians (more than likely quarterly) and will include sections such as “common issues”, lists of actions, and other Board news.

 HEALTHs website was revamped over the last year or so and by doing so, we have heard from many who say that some information has been difficult to locate. With this in mind, a separate Pharmacy page is being created where folks can more easily access applications, rules and regulations, and much, much more.

 Changes to the Pharmacy regulations are now complete and will be moved forward to a public community review. Although no date has been provided yet, the hope is that it will be scheduled before the end of the year.

 There have been delays in filling board vacancies since the change in administration in January. However, recently it was announced that vacancies for board positions will be posted on-line, making it an easier process for those interested in serving to apply.

ه Monies for the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) need to be spent by February and we are awaiting the final purchase order in order to move this program forward and have external stakeholders be able to utilize and access this program.

Continuing Education Inquiries:

Jon Mundy raised a question whether hospital run CE seminars could be accepted for continuing education credit requirements for pharmacists. After discussion, it was determined that provided the hospital run seminar is Board approved or ACPE accredited, it could be accepted for annual continuing education credit.

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Issued Pharmacy Licenses: (As Attached)

A list of new pharmacy licenses was distributed to the Board for review. On a motion made by

Richard Hathaway and seconded by Kelly Orr, the list of licenses was approved by unanimous consent.

3.0 OLD BUSINESS - none

4.0 NEW BUSINESS - none

5.0 PIC APPEARANCES - none

6.0 ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 46-45-5 of the RI General Laws for the purpose of discussing job

performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licenses; and

investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals

have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held in an

OPEN meeting.

Karen DiStefano made a motion to close the OPEN meeting and adjourn to CLOSED session

in accordance with Sections 42-46-5(a) (1) and (4). Richard Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The OPEN meeting session adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

7.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Karen DiStefano made a motion to reopen the open session at 11:45 a.m. Kathleen Kettle seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

8.0 FINAL ACTIONS

(PH103305) Andrea L. Civate	Formal Reprimand
(RPh03349) Amelia Rebello	Formal Reprimand
(RPh04667) Bryan David Couture	Formal Reprimand & CE

requirements

9.0 ADJOURN

Being no other business before the Board, Richard Hathaway made a motion to adjourn

the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Kathleen Kettle seconded the motion. The motion carried on unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Phillips

**Linda Phillips, Board Administrator
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